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Telecommunications Management Services

VIA ECFS

June 24, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary
445 12th Street, S. W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Submission of information Pursuant to FCC 54.313 Rules and Request for Confidential Treatment – ETC Annual Reports and Certifications WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with the annual reporting requirements of 47 C.F.R. §§54.313 and 54.422, Blossom Telephone Company, Inc. ("Blossom"), Texas, Study Area Code 442038, is submitting a completed FCC Form 481 to the Commission via its Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) in WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58. Blossom, by its authorized representative, hereby requests confidential treatment of two attachments to its FCC Form 481: (1) the five-year service quality improvement plan information identified on Form 100, Line 112 and (2) the financial annual report identified on Form 3005, both of which were redacted in the ECFS submission. The request for confidential treatment of the financial annual report is being made pursuant to the FCC's March 22, 2016 Protective Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58. The financial reports contain competitively sensitive data that is not otherwise available from publically available sources. The request for confidential treatment of the five-year plan information is being made pursuant to section 0.459 of the Commission's rules and Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Blossom keeps this information strictly confidential and it is subject to protection under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Commission's implementing rules. Release of this information would have a substantial negative impact on the Company.

Blossom is also transmitting the following information to the Commission in compliance with C.F.R. §§54.313 and 54.422:

- Submission to the Office of the Secretary, this cover letter and the Form 481 filing which includes the confidential information that is being requested to be withheld from public inspection. Confidential information has been designated in accordance with Confidentiality guidelines and the Protective Order.

The confidential information has also been submitted to the Universal Service Administrative Company through its E-File system as an attachment to the FCC Form 481.

Blossom requests that the information contained in its five-year service quality improvement plan be withheld from public inspection because it contains competitively sensitive commercial and financial information that the Company keeps confidential. Public availability of this information would have a substantial negative impact on the Company. Blossom offers the following information pursuant to section 0.459 of the Commission's rules and Exemption 4 of FOIA in support of this request:

(1) Identification of the specific information for which confidential treatment is sought:

Attachment to Line 112 of FCC Form 481 – Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan. Specifically, confidential treatment is sought for all information in the five-year plan related to the Company's future network plans and information concerning future services provided to customers.

(2) Identification of the Commission proceeding in which the information was submitted or a description of the circumstances giving rise to the submission:

The information was submitted in WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58 as an attachment to FCC Form 481- the Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form. Section 100 of FCC Form 481 requires incumbent local exchange carriers receiving high cost support to attach a five-year service quality improvement plan, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§54.202(a)(1)(ii) and 54.313(a)(1).

(3) Explanation of the degree to which the information is commercial or financial, or contains a trade secret or is privileged:

The five-year service quality improvement plan and associated progress reports contain information on the Company's future plans, number of customers served and other planning information that company does not make publicly available.

(4) Explanation of the degree to which the information concerns a service that is subject to competition:

Broadband is subject to increasing competition in the areas served by rural, rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carriers (RLECs). Virtually all RLECs face competition from one or more Internet service providers.

(5) Explanation of how disclosure of the information could result in substantial competitive harm:

Disclosure of the information contained in the five-year plan would provide competitors with detailed, granular information regarding the Company's strategic plans. This would provide competitors access to confidential information they could employ to develop their own plans a particular service area. This could cause competitive harm to the Company.

(6) Identification of any measures taken by the submitting party to prevent unauthorized disclosure:

The Company has continually treated information regarding its network and service plans as confidential and carefully controls the information to protect it from competitors.

(7) Identification of whether the information is available to the public and the extent of any previous disclosure of the information to third parties:

The redacted information in the five-year plan is not available to the public, and third party access is limited as described in (6) above.

(8) Justification of the period during which the submitting party asserts that material should not be available for public disclosure:

The Company requests that the extracted information be withheld from public inspection indefinitely. The five year planning period information would provide valuable information to competitors for several years beyond that period.

(9) Any other information that the party seeking confidential information treatment believes may be useful in assessing whether its request for confidentiality should be granted:

Exemption 4 of FOIA shields from public disclosure commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential. Based on the responses provided above, the information in question satisfies this test.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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President
314-605-9220
tmorrissey@fwainc.com

Enclosures

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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| <010> | Study Area Code | 442038 |
| <015> | Study Area Name | BLOSSOM TEL CO |
| <020> | Program Year | 2017 |
| <030> | Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data | KELLY DORRIES |
| <035> | Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030> | 9039825200 ext. |
| <039> | Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030> | KELLY@BLOSSOMTEL.NET |
| Form Type | | 54.313 and 54.422 |

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| (100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting Data Collection Form | | FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013 |
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| <110> | Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? | <input type="radio"/> (yes / no) <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| <111> | If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing "5 year plan" filed with the FCC? | <input type="radio"/> (yes / no) <input type="radio"/> |

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

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| 442038TX112.pdf |
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Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

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| <113> | Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets | <table><tr><td>Yes</td></tr></table> | Yes |
| Yes | | | |
| <114> | Report how much universal service (USF) support was received | <table><tr><td>Yes</td></tr></table> | Yes |
| Yes | | | |
| <115> | How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality | <table><tr><td>Yes</td></tr></table> | Yes |
| Yes | | | |
| <116> | How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage | <table><tr><td>Yes</td></tr></table> | Yes |
| Yes | | | |
| <117> | How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity | <table><tr><td>Yes</td></tr></table> | Yes |
| Yes | | | |
| <118> | Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year. | <table><tr><td>Not Applicable</td></tr></table> | Not Applicable |
| Not Applicable | | | |

(300) Unfulfilled Service Request

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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)

0

<310> Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

0

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)

Name of Attached Document

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| (400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers Data Collection Form | FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013 |
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| <400> | Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. | Offered only fixed voice |
| <410> | Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice | 0 . 0 |
| <420> | Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice | |
| <430> | Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. | Offered only fixed broadband |
| <440> | Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband | 0 . 0 |
| <450> | Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband | |

**(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules
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| <500> | Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules | Yes |
| <510> | Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance | 442038TX510 .pdf |

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations
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| <600> | Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations | Yes |
| <610> | Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations | 442038TX610 . pdf |

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No

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

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| Select Yes or No or Not Applicable |
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- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability
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| <1000> | Voice services rate comparability certification | Yes | |
| <1010> | Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance | 442038TX1010.pdf | Name of Attached Document |
| <1020> | Broadband comparability certification | Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau | |
| <1030> | Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance | | Name of Attached Document |

(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting

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<1100>

Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

Yes

<1130>

Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers

Lifeline Data Collection Form

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| <1210> | Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans | <div>442038TX1210.pdf</div> | Name of Attached Document |
| <1220> | Link to Public Website | HTTP | |

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

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| <1221> | Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1222> | Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1223> | Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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| (2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation | | FCC Form 481 |
| Data Collection Form | | OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 |
| <i>Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers</i> | | July 2013 |

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2010> 2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note that for the July 1

2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support

<2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 1

2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental Support

<2022> Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.

<2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.

<2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

<2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.

<2025A> Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

<2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-

<2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

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(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)**Data Collection Form***Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*

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Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017B> Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(iii)

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)

<2020> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)

<2021> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)

<2026> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)

<2027> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)

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Complete the items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

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| (3009) | Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii) | | |
| (3010A) | Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)} | Yes - Attach Certification | |
| (3010B) | Please Provide Attachment | Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information | 442038TX1030b.pdf |
| (3012A) | Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(iii)} | No - No New Community Anchors | |
| (3012B) | Please Provide Attachment | Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information | |
| (3013) | Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)} | (Yes/No) | <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> |
| (3014) | If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report | (Yes/No) | <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> |
| Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires: | | | |
| (3015) | Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers) | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3016) | Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3017) | If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation | Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information | 442038TX3017.pdf |
| (3018) | If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? | (Yes/No) | <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> |
| If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: | | | |
| (3019) | Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3020) | Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3021) | Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: | | | |
| (3022) | Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3023) | Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3024) | Underlying information subjected to an officer certification. | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3025) | Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3026) | Attach the worksheet listing required information | Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information | |

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| Financial Data Summary | |
| (3027) Revenue | |
| (3028) Operating Expenses | |
| (3029) Net Income | |
| (3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS) | |
| (3031) Total Assets | |
| (3032) Total Debt | |
| (3033) Total Equity | |
| (3034) Dividends | |

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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

**Certification - Reporting Carrier
Data Collection Form**

 FCC Form 481
 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
 July 2013

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| <010> | Study Area Code | 442038 |
| <015> | Study Area Name | BLOSSOM TEL CO |
| <020> | Program Year | 2017 |
| <030> | Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data | KELLY DORRIES |
| <035> | Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> | 9039825200 ext. |
| <039> | Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> | KELLY@BLOSSOMTEL.NET |

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

| Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate. | |
| Name of Reporting Carrier: | |
| Signature of Authorized Officer: | Date |
| Printed name of Authorized Officer: | |
| Title or position of Authorized Officer: | |
| Telephone number of Authorized Officer: | |
| Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: | Filing Due Date for this form: |
| Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001. | |

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| Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form | FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013 |
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

| | |
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| Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier | |
| I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>FRED WILLIAMSON & ASSOCIATES, INC.</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate. | |
| Name of Authorized Agent: <u>FRED WILLIAMSON & ASSOCIATES, INC.</u> | |
| Name of Reporting Carrier: <u>BLOSSOM TEL CO</u> | |
| Signature of Authorized Officer: <u>CERTIFIED ONLINE</u> | Date: <u>06/23/2016</u> |
| Printed name of Authorized Officer: <u>Joyce Dorries</u> | |
| Title or position of Authorized Officer: <u>Security</u> | |
| Telephone number of Authorized Officer: <u>9039825200 ext.</u> | |
| Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: <u>442038</u> | Filing Due Date for this form: <u>07/01/2016</u> |
| Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001. | |

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

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| Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier | |
| I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate. | |
| Name of Reporting Carrier: <u>BLOSSOM TEL CO</u> | |
| Name of Authorized Agent Firm: <u>FRED WILLIAMSON & ASSOCIATES, INC.</u> | |
| Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: <u>CERTIFIED ONLINE</u> | Date: <u>06/23/2016</u> |
| Name of Authorized Agent Employee: <u>TOM KARALIS</u> | |
| Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: <u>CONSULTANT</u> | |
| Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: <u>9182981618 ext.</u> | |
| Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: <u>442038</u> | Filing Due Date for this form: <u>07/01/2016</u> |
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Attachments

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| <810> | Reporting Carrier | BLOSSOM TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. |
| <811> | Holding Company | Blossom Telephone Co., Inc. |
| <812> | Operating Company | BLOSSOM TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. |

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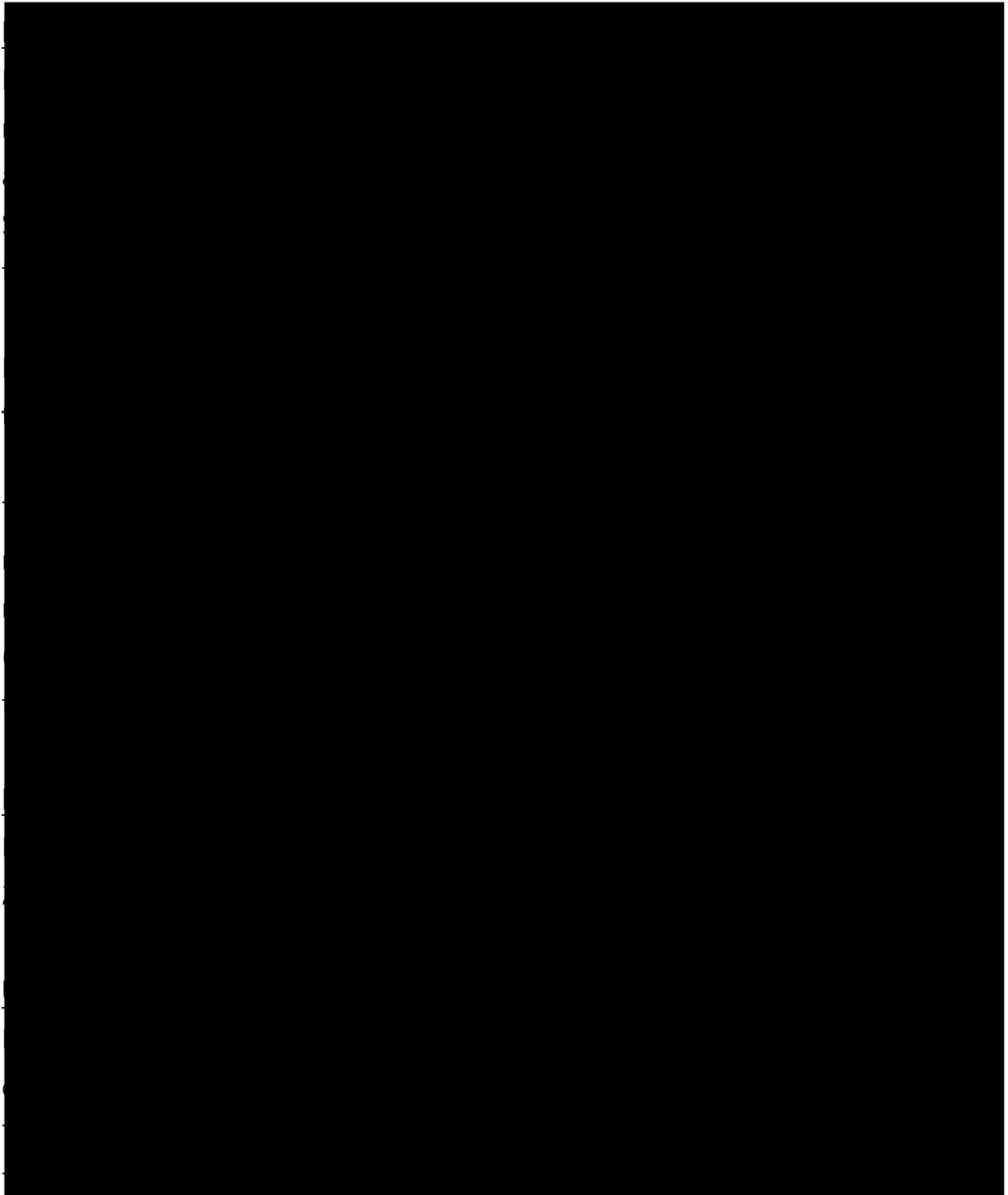
BLOSSOM TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

FIVE YEAR SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

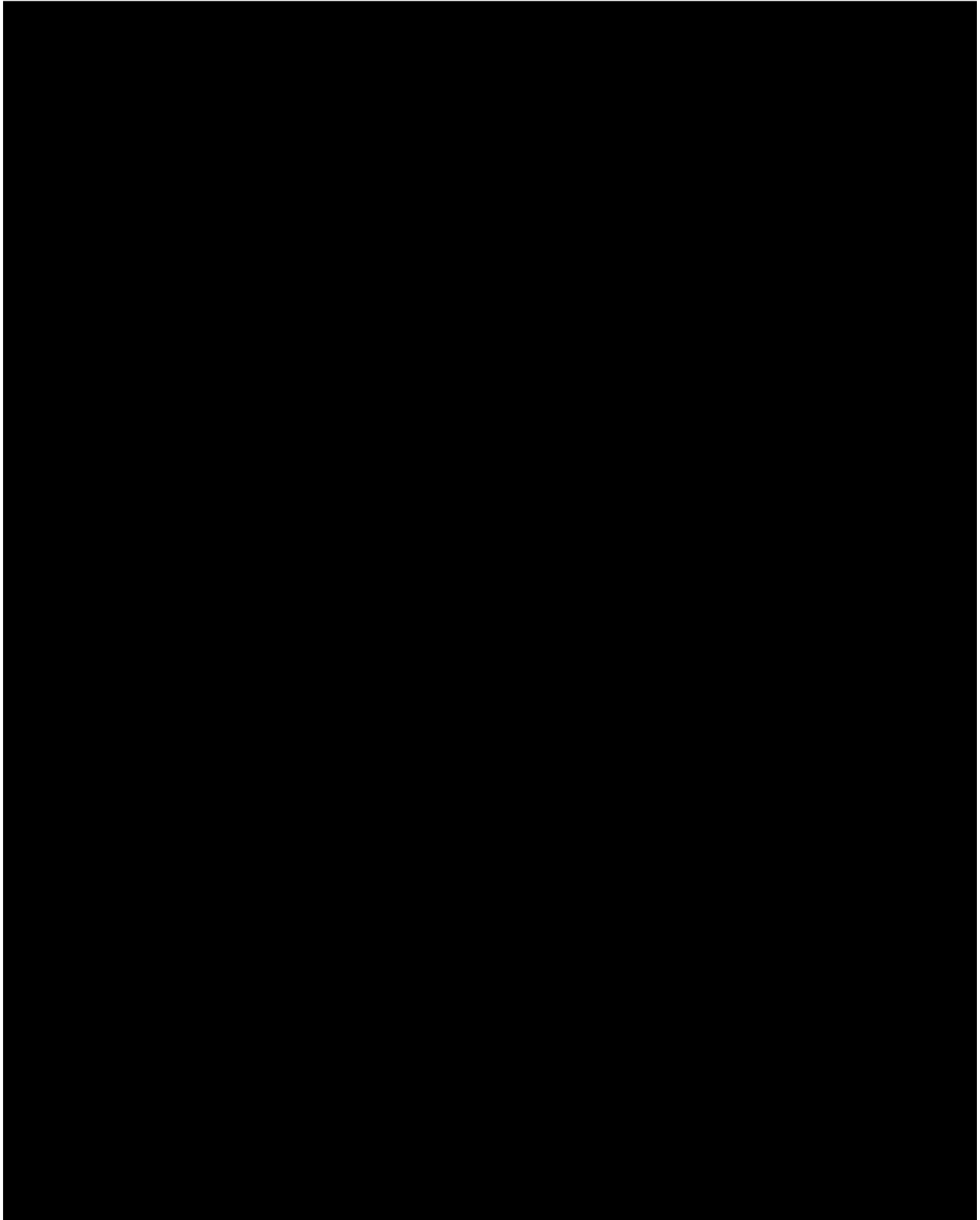
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Company Name: Blossom Telephone Company

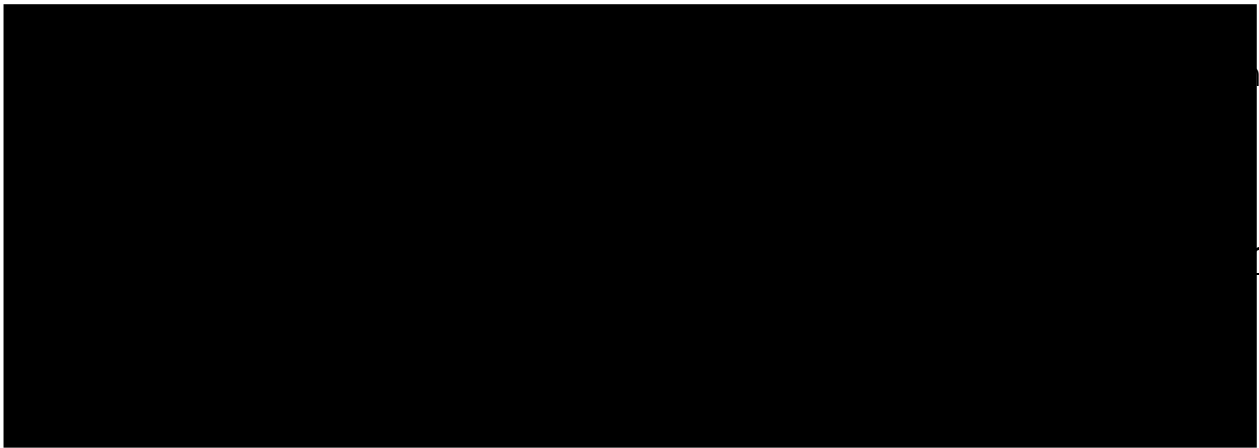
Headquarters: Blossom, Texas



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BLOSSOM TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

QUALITY OF SERVICE AND CUSTOMER PROTECTION PROCESS

(USAC DOCUMENT - 442038TX510.PDF)

BLOSSOM TELEPHONE COMPANY
QUALITY OF SERVICE & CUSTOMER PROTECTION PROCESSES

1. Available Customer Service Representatives to Answer Phones

All calls received by Blossom Telephone Company during business hours are answered by the third ring. When the assigned customer representatives are unable to answer calls by the third ring, additional representatives are available to help answer phones.

2. Provide After Hours Emergency Customer Service

Calls are answered within 60 seconds. Call logs are reviewed daily by personnel. Customer service representatives have been given a list of questions by Blossom Telephone Company to ask to assist them in resolving any issues. Unresolved issues are reviewed the following work day. Issues requiring immediate attention are sent to the Blossom Telephone Company service technician on call, who works to resolve the matter as quickly as possible. If that technician is unable to resolve the problem, additional technicians are called. After-hours customer service is also available.

3. Provide a 24/7 Hour Internet Help Desk Service

All calls are answered within 60 seconds. Call logs are reviewed daily by personnel with Managers available to review and address any issues.

4. Give Customers Cut-off Warnings & Provide Bill Arrangement Opportunities

Customers are given two months of missed payments before being cut off. Notification of the payment due date and the cut-off date are prominently displayed on bills as well as of the opportunity to make payment arrangements to avoid being cut-off.

Customers in danger of losing service will receive a call from a customer service representative to remind them of the late payment. If a customer complains that notice was not given, they are directed to speak with the Office Manager who will work to resolve the matter and prevent it from occurring again. Account balance reports are printed monthly using the company's billing system.

5. Ensure That All New Service Installation Orders Are Fulfilled Promptly

All customers are contacted within 48 hours regarding scheduling the new service installation. If outside plant is already in place, fill the order at the customers' earliest convenience; if outside plant is in not in place, fill the order as soon as the weather permits.

6. Minimize Customer Downtime for Services & Make Requested Changes Promptly

Contact customers regarding all service requests the same day, with a goal of resolving all issues within 48 hours. Any unresolved issues will be resolved contingent on the technician/customer coordination of access to the premises.

7. Proactively Monitoring in Case of Major Service Outages

Service technicians will be made aware of outages affecting customers within an hour. It is the goal of Blossom Telephone Company to resolve major outages in four hours or less. If an outage has not been resolved within four hours, technicians will begin utilizing all resources, both from within and from without. Technicians establish and accomplish yearly training goals to be better equipped for managing all services.

CUSTOMER PRIVACY

Company Confidential Information Policy

Blossom Telephone Company has a company policy in place that holds employees accountable for a breach of confidentiality concerning customer data and company information.

The policy states: *"You are reminded that revealing any type of confidential information to unauthorized persons or tampering with or altering company records and/or property is a violation of trust that can result in disciplinary action up to and including discharge."*

Company CPNI Policy

Blossom Telephone Company has a Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) policy in place that ensures employee compliance with the FCC's CPNI guidelines. Outlined within the policy is a detailed description of CPNI as well as both acceptable and unacceptable CPNI practices. Employees are required to sign waivers stating they understand and agree to comply with the policy and acknowledge that "failure to protect this information result in disciplinary action up to and including discharge for the responsible employee."

As a part of this policy, Blossom Telephone Company has designated a Compliance Officer responsible for training employees, monitoring CPNI related activities, and reporting breaches.

BLOSSOM TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

EMERGENCY SITUATION FUNCTIONALITY – AVAILABILITY OF BACK UP POWER

(USAC DOCUMENT - 442038TX610.PDF)

BLOSSOM TELEPHONE COMPANY
EMERGENCY SITUATION FUNCTIONALITY
AVAILABILITY OF BACK-UP POWER

Blossom Telephone Company has one central office within its service area. This location is equipped with a back-up generator capable of providing power to the equipment within that office in the event of an external power source outage. After each power outage, the generator is inspected and is also professionally serviced bi-annually to ensure functionality.

In addition, Blossom Telephone Company has installed back-up batteries on the customer premise equipment. Multiple back-up batteries have been installed at home of those with special needs. Spare batteries are kept at Blossom Telephone Company's main office for replacement of batteries at customer homes in the event of a prolonged power outage.

TRAFFIC ROUTING

Voice traffic between the central office switch and remote switches is carried across fiber allowing continued service if one route is interrupted. Voice traffic between the central office switch and the upstream tandem is also provisioned across fiber.

MANAGING TRAFFIC SPIKES

Blossom Telephone Company's careful capacity planning has put multiple constraints and triggers in place on its Central Office equipment, outside plant equipment, and network backbone that will provide the company with the capability of handling traffic spikes during emergency situations.

- Usage rates are analyzed monthly by Blossom Telephone Company using reports automatically generated by the switch to ensure that usage does not exceed 90% of total line capacity.
- Blossom Telephone Company will monitor traffic internally on a monthly basis to ensure optimal efficiency.

BLOSSOM TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

VOICE SERVICES RATE COMPARABILITY

(USAC DOCUMENT - 442038TX1010.PDF)

Voice Services Rate Comparability

Blossom Telephone Company

In compliance with the 54.313 Rules, Blossom Telephone Company must certify that its current rate for fixed voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the national average urban rate for voice service.

According to the 2016 Urban Rate Survey conducted by the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau, the rate floor for voice services is \$21.93, and the reasonable comparability benchmark for voice services is \$41.07¹.

The rates shown on the Voice Pricing Form (0700) are below \$41.07. Consequently, Blossom Telephone Company meets the above mentioned requirement.

¹ WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF 2016 URBAN RATE SURVEY FOR FIXED VOICE AND BROADBAND SERVICES, POSTING OF SURVEY DATA AND EXPLANATORY NOTES, AND REQUIRED MINIMUM USAGE ALLOWANCE FOR ETCS SUBJECT TO BROADBAND PUBLIC INTEREST OBLIGATIONS; WC Docket #10-90, DA 16-362 Released April 5th, 2016

BLOSSOM TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

LIFELINE PLAN

(USAC DOCUMENT - 442038TX1210.PDF)

Public Notice

Blossom Telephone Company is committed to bringing its customers quality telecommunications services at affordable rates throughout its service territory.

Prices & Rates

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|---|----------------|
| Single Party Residence Access Line | \$14.00 |
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| Single Party Business Access Line | \$15.50 |
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(Rates do not include taxes, surcharges, or other fees that may be applicable, such as a subscriber line charge.)

Blossom Telephone Company provides telephony service which includes voice grade access to the public switched network, unlimited local calling within the customer's local calling area at no charge, access to emergency services, and toll blocking at no charge for qualifying low-income customers. Each local exchange access line comes with a free primary directory listing and each subscriber annually receives a telephone directory.

To make sure that our customers continuously receive quality service, any service problems can be reported to Blossom Telephone Company twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Basic services are offered at the rates, terms and conditions specified in Blossom Telephone Company's tariff on file with the Public Utility Commission of Texas. If you have questions regarding the Company's services or rates, please call 903-982-5200.

DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR LOW INCOME CUSTOMERS

Blossom Telephone Company offers reduced rates to eligible low-income residential consumers under a government assistance program called Lifeline. Lifeline provides monthly discounts to an eligible customer's voice telephony service. Customers who are eligible for Lifeline are also eligible for toll blocking at no charge.

To be eligible for Lifeline a customer's annual household income must be at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines, or a customer must receive benefits from or have a child in the household who receives benefits from at least one of the following programs: Medicaid; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance(SNAP) (formerly Food Stamps); Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA); Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP); Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; National School Lunch Program's free lunch program; or health benefits coverage under the state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Lifeline service is limited to one discount per household. A household is everyone who lives in the home (including children and people who are not related to the customer) and shares income and household expenses (bills, food, etc.).

A customer with Lifeline service may not transfer the Lifeline benefit to any other person. Blossom's Lifeline service includes unlimited calling within the local service area as defined in Blossom Tariffs. Blossom's Lifeline customers have access to toll blocking service at no charge. If the Blossom Lifeline customer does not prescribe to toll blocking, toll charges will be assessed at rates assessed by the presubscribed long distance carrier.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Company's business office at (903)982-5200 or by contacting the Low-Income Discount Administrator (LIDA) at 1-866-454-8387 (1-866-4-LITE-UP).

BLOSSOM TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

MILESTONE CERTIFICATION

(USAC DOCUMENT - 442038TX3010.PDF)

Progress Report on 5 Year Plan

Line 3010(b) - Milestone Certification

Blossom Telephone Company certifies that, upon a reasonable request, it will provide Broadband services at actual speeds of 4Mbps downstream / 1Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including VoIP and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to urban areas and that requests for such services are met within a reasonable amount of time.

BLOSSOM TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.
CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(USAC DOCUMENT - 442038TX3017.PDF)

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| USDA-RUS OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS | | <i>This data will be used by RUS to review your financial situation. Your response is required by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq. and, subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential.</i> BORROWER NAME Blossom Telephone Company, Inc. (Prepared with Audited Data) | |
| INSTRUCTIONS -Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period. For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only. | | PERIOD ENDING December, 2015 | BORROWER DESIGNATION TX0661 |
| CERTIFICATION We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief. ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 1788, CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES. DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII (Check one of the following) | | | |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects. </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> There has been a default in the fulfillment of the obligations under the RUS loan documents. Said default(s) is/are specifically described in the Telecom Operating Report </div> </div> | | | |
| Anthony Dorries | | 3/22/2016 DATE | |

| PART A. BALANCE SHEET | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| ASSETS | BALANCE PRIOR YEAR | BALANCE END OF PERIOD | LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | BALANCE PRIOR YEAR | BALANCE END OF PERIOD |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| 1. Cash and Equivalents | | | 25. Accounts Payable | | |
| 2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund | | | 26. Notes Payable | | |
| 3. Affiliates: | | | 27. Advance Billings and Payments | | |
| a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable | | | 28. Customer Deposits | | |
| b. Other Accounts Receivable | | | 29. Current Mat. L/T Debt | | |
| c. Notes Receivable | | | 30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev. | | |
| 4. Non-Affiliates: | | | 31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases | | |
| a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable | | | 32. Income Taxes Accrued | | |
| b. Other Accounts Receivable | | | 33. Other Taxes Accrued | | |
| c. Notes Receivable | | | 34. Other Current Liabilities | | |
| 5. Interest and Dividends Receivable | | | 35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34) | | |
| 6. Material-Regulated | | | LONG-TERM DEBT | | |
| 7. Material-Nonregulated | | | 36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes | | |
| 8. Prepayments | | | 37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes | | |
| 9. Other Current Assets | | | 38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes | | |
| 10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9) | | | 39. Funded Debt-Other | | |
| NONCURRENT ASSETS | | | 40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan | | |
| 11. Investment in Affiliated Companies | | | 41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt | | |
| a. Rural Development | | | 42. Recquired Debt | | |
| b. Nonrural Development | | | 43. Obligations Under Capital Lease | | |
| 12. Other Investments | | | 44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies | | |
| a. Rural Development | | | 45. Other Long-Term Debt | | |
| b. Nonrural Development | | | 46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45) | | |
| 13. Nonregulated Investments | | | OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS | | |
| 14. Other Noncurrent Assets | | | 47. Other Long-Term Liabilities | | |
| 15. Deferred Charges | | | 48. Other Deferred Credits | | |
| 16. Jurisdictional Differences | | | 49. Other Jurisdictional Differences | | |
| 17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16) | | | 50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49) | | |
| PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT | | | EQUITY | | |
| 18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service | | | 51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed | | |
| 19. Property Held for Future Use | | | 52. Additional Paid-in-Capital | | |
| 20. Plant Under Construction | | | 53. Treasury Stock | | |
| 21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill | | | 54. Membership and Cap. Certificates | | |
| 22. Less Accumulated Depreciation | | | 55. Other Capital | | |
| 23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22) | | | 56. Patronage Capital Credits | | |
| 24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23) | | | 57. Retained Earnings or Margins | | |
| | | | 58. Total Equity (51 thru 57) | | |
| | | | 59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58) | | |

Total Equity = 33.18% of Total Assets

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| USDA-RUS OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS | | BORROWER DESIGNATION TX0661 | |
| INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2 | | PERIOD ENDING December, 2015 | |
| PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS | | | |
| ITEM | PRIOR YEAR | THIS YEAR | |
| 1. Local Network Services Revenues | | | |
| 2. Network Access Services Revenues | | | |
| 3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues | | | |
| 4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues | | | |
| 5. Miscellaneous Revenues | | | |
| 6. Uncollectible Revenues | | | |
| 7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6) | | | |
| 8. Plant Specific Operations Expense | | | |
| 9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization) | | | |
| 10. Depreciation Expense | | | |
| 11. Amortization Expense | | | |
| 12. Customer Operations Expense | | | |
| 13. Corporate Operations Expense | | | |
| 14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13) | | | |
| 15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14) | | | |
| 16. Other Operating Income and Expenses | | | |
| 17. State and Local Taxes | | | |
| 18. Federal Income Taxes | | | |
| 19. Other Taxes | | | |
| 20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19) | | | |
| 21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20) | | | |
| 22. Interest on Funded Debt | | | |
| 23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases | | | |
| 24. Other Interest Expense | | | |
| 25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction | | | |
| 26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25) | | | |
| 27. Nonoperating Net Income | | | |
| 28. Extraordinary Items | | | |
| 29. Jurisdictional Differences | | | |
| 30. Nonregulated Net Income | | | |
| 31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26) | | | |
| 32. Total Taxes Based on Income | | | |
| 33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year | | | |
| 34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date | | | |
| 35. Dividends Declared (Common) | | | |
| 36. Dividends Declared (Preferred) | | | |
| 37. Other Debits Year-to-Date | | | |
| 38. Transfers to Patronage Capital | | | |
| 39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)] | | | |
| 40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year | | | |
| 41. Transfers to Patronage Capital | | | |
| 42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired | | | |
| 43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42) | | | |
| 44. Annual Debt Service Payments | | | |
| 45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7] | | | |
| 46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7] | | | |
| 47. TIER [(31+26) / 26] | | | |
| 48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44] | | | |

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| USDA-RUS OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS INSTRUCTIONS - See RUS Bulletin 1744-2 | | | | | | BORROWER DESIGNATION TX0661 PERIOD ENDED December, 2015 | |
| Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, & HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION | | | | | | | |
| | 1. RATES | | 2. SUBSCRIBERS (ACCESS LINES) | | | 3. ROUTE MILES | |
| EXCHANGE | B-1 | R-1 | BUSINESS | RESIDENTIAL | TOTAL | TOTAL (including fiber) | FIBER |
| | (a) | (b) | (a) | (b) | (c) | (a) | (b) |
| Blossom | | | | | | | |
| MobileWireless | | | | | | | |
| Route Mileage Outside Exchange Area | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | | |
| No. Exchanges | | | | | | | |

| USDA-RUS OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS INSTRUCTIONS - See RUS Bulletin 1744-2 | | | | | | BORROWER DESIGNATION TX0661 PERIOD ENDED December, 2015 | | |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, & HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION | | | | | | | | |
| 4. BROADBAND SERVICE | | | | | | | | |
| Details on Least Expensive Broadband Service | | | | | | | | |
| EXCHANGE | No. Access Lines with BB available (a) | No Of Broadband Subscribers (b) | Number Of Subscribers (c) | Advertised Download Rate (Kbps) (d) | Advertised Upload Rate (Kbps) (e) | Price Per Month (f) | Standalone/Pckg (g) | Type Of Technology (h) |
| Blossom | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | | | |

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| USDA-RUS OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS | | BORROWER DESIGNATION TX0661 PERIOD ENDING December, 2015 | | | |
| INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2 | | | | | |
| PART D. SYSTEM DATA | | | | | |
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| PART E. TOLL DATA | | | | | |
| 1. Study Area ID Code(s) a. 442038 b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____ f. _____ g. _____ h. _____ i. _____ j. _____ | | 2. Types of Toll Settlements (Check one) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Interstate: <input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule Intrastate: <input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis </div> </div> | | | |
| PART F. FUNDS INVESTED IN PLANT DURING YEAR | | | | | |
| 1. RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Funds Expended | | | | | |
| 2. Other Long-Term Loan Funds Expended | | | | | |
| 3. Funds Expended Under RUS Interim Approval | | | | | |
| 4. Other Short-Term Loan Funds Expended | | | | | |
| 5. General Funds Expended (Other than Interim) | | | | | |
| 6. Salvaged Materials | | | | | |
| 7. Contribution in Aid to Construction | | | | | |
| 8. Gross Additions to Telecom. Plant (1 thru 7) | | | | | |
| PART G. INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED COMPANIES | | | | | |
| INVESTMENTS | CURRENT YEAR DATA | | CUMULATIVE DATA | | |
| | Investment This Year | Income/Loss This Year | Cumulative Investment To Date | Cumulative Income/Loss To Date | Current Balance |
| | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) |
| 1. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Rural Development | | | | | |
| 2. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Nonrural Development | | | | | |

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| PART H. CURRENT DEPRECIATION RATES | |
| Are corporation's depreciation rates approved by the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the provision of telephone services? (Check one) | |
| <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | |
| EQUIPMENT CATEGORY | DEPRECIATION RATE |
| 1. Land and support assets - Motor Vehicles | |
| 2. Land and support assets - Aircraft | |
| 3. Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles | |
| 4. Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment | |
| 5. Land and support assets - Buildings | |
| 6. Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment | |
| 7. Land and support assets - General purpose computers | |
| 8. Central Office Switching - Digital | |
| 9. Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical | |
| 10. Central Office Switching - Operator Systems | |
| 11. Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems | |
| 12. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment | |
| 13. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus | |
| 14. Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring | |
| 15. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges | |
| 16. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment | |
| 17. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment | |
| 18. Cable and wire facilities - Poles | |
| 19. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal | |
| 20. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber | |
| 21. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal | |
| 22. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber | |
| 23. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal | |
| 24. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber | |
| 25. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems | |
| 26. Cable and wire facilities - Other | |
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| PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS | | |
| 1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund) | | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| 2. Net Income | | |
| Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities | | |
| 3. Add: Depreciation | | |
| 4. Add: Amortization | | |
| 5. Other (Explain) | | |
| Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities | | |
| 6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable | | |
| 7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory | | |
| 8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges | | |
| 9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets | | |
| 10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable | | |
| 11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments | | |
| 12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities | | |
| 13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations | | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | |
| 14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable | | |
| 15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable | | |
| 16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits | | |
| 17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities) | | |
| 18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits | | |
| 19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital | | |
| 20. Less: Payment of Dividends | | |
| 21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired | | |
| 22. Other (Explain) | | |
| 23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities | | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| 24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment) | | |
| 25. Other Long-Term Investments | | |
| 26. Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences | | |
| 27. Other (Explain) | | |
| 28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities | | |
| 29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash | | |
| 30. Ending Cash | | |

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